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Dominic Santangelo, Director
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Dear Mr. Santangelo:

Subject: Horse Creek Dam Removal, Los Padres, San Luis Obispo County

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) would like to express its appreciation for the drilling work your crew did on the Horse Creek dam removal project. Your crew went to a remote site, camped out, and finished their job on schedule, and accomplished this difficult task working in primitive conditions. Their efforts resulted in the complete demolition of the abandoned dam. This project will improve steelhead passage to over five miles of high quality spawning and rearing habitat in Horse Creek.

DFG especially commends Mark Bailey, Conservationist I, for his excellent supervision, and accuracy of the work done by him and Corps members Kelly LaVinge, Jacob Loutzenhiser, Sam Webb, and Alfonso Joven.

It has been a pleasure working with the Los Padres District on this and other jobs. Your commitment to excellence at all staffing levels has always been consistent and DFG looks forward to continuing this relationship to benefit the steelhead resources on the central and south central California coasts.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Floerke
Regional Manager
Central Coast Region

cc: Bruce Bonifac
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